# HANNA GAINING STRENGTH, tions denouncing Governor Bushnell and the Re-

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ELECTION IS YET ASSURED.

TWO OF THE MEN WHO VOTED AGAINST BOX-WELL FOR SPEAKER HAVE SWUNG OVER TO THE SENATOR-BASELESS FEARS

OF DISORDER ON MONDAY.

INT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Columbus, Ohio, Jan. S .- Although only two days remain before the two houses of the Ohio Legislature will take their first ballot for a United States Senator to fill the long and short terms made vacant by Mr. Sherman's retirement from the deliberative branch of Congress on March 4 last, the result of that ballot is as deeply veiled as ever in perplexity and doubt. Mr. Hanna's struggle to retain the seat which he has held by virtue of a commission from Governor Bushnell since last spring has been pushed ring the last few days so near to the point of absolute success that his friends and supporters are almost led to argue that his election ext Tuesday or at most next Wednesday, when the two houses meet in joint assembly, is as fixed and certain as the predestinations of politics usually are. There can be no question, indeed, Hanna forces in the preliminary contest for the organization of the Legislature the prodigious efforts of the Senator's adherents to break the lines of the opposing coalition have had a marked effect, and that at least two Republican Representatives heretofore supporting Mr. Kurtz in his warfare on the State Convention's candilate have now been definitely won over to Mr. Hanna's support. Other conversions are asserted or strongly hinted at, but it is not yet seriously maintained by any of the Hanna managers that, were the first ballot for United States Senator to be taken to-night, the total polled for Mr. Hanna would reach 73, the number necessary for election.

THE PRESENT SITUATION.

So far as figures can show the state of so furtive and burrowing a Senatorial canvass as that now drawing to a climax, it stands about thus to-night: The total membership of the Ohio Legislature at this session is 145, and with every member present 73 votes are re-The Republican strength in both branches is 79. From the recent Republican caucus nine Representatives and one Senator absented themselves, reducing the joint Republican vote to 69. Four accesfrom the ranks of the absentees were, therefore, required to make the choice of the caucus nominee a possibility. Of the ten Republicans who refused to go into the caucus, one Representative, Manuel, of Montgomery County at a public meeting in Dayton last night, pledged himself unequivocally to vote for Mr. Hanna for the Senatorship on Tuesday next. Another Representative, Mr. Joyce, of Guernsey County, has also declared, though in a less open and formal way, that he will rejoin his Republican associates when the balloting for United States Senator begins. With these two accessions Mr. Hanna's probable strength may be put at 71, two votes short of a majority.

TWO REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FENCE Both to-day and yesterday the claim has been put forth that two more of the Republican Rep resentatives who took part in the bolt which defeated Boxwell for the Speakership of the House, Messrs. Jones, of Stark, and Griffith, of Union, have also been practically won over to the Hanna ranks. No definite or satisfactory proof has been shown, however, to support the assertion, although the personal and political influence now being brought to bear these two legislators may prove powerful enough to draw them eventually to Mr. Hanna's support. It is true also that probably not all the Republicans who voted for the defeated organization nominees are absolutely committed to vote for the chairman of the National Committee next Tuesday. The Hanna managers, therefore, sensibly refuse to claim a certain majority for their candidate, but rest on the confident assertion that he is already near enough to victory to make success only a matter of discreet and patient general-

"The Columbus Dispatch," an independent Republican newspaper friendly to Mr. Hanna's canvass, proclaimed this afternoon in double headlines that seventy-four votes were already assured to Mr. Hanna. When this statement was shown to Mr. Kurtz, the head of the anti-Hanna coalition, he pronounced it purely fanciful, and then issued this counter-blast:

The incorrectness of claims by Mr. Hanna was proven by the test vote in the matter of House Granization. He claimed the organization up to the time the vote was taken, and he lost. The same talms are now being made again on the Sensiorably, and the result will be the same. Mr. Hanna will not be elected Senator.

## KURTZ'S TACTICAL MISTAKE.

It is generally admitted now that Mr. Kurtz and the other managers of the anti-Hanna coalition fell into a serious tactical blunder when they allowed the Legislature to take a recess from Wednesday to Monday. While here the ten Republicans who joined hands with the Demotrats to organize the two houses were practically unexposed to the protests and remonstrances which such a programme naturally excited at home. Local opinion could not express liself forcibly or effectively while the coalition Republicans remained in Columbus, but the coercive power of this opinion has already shown itself in the cases of legislators like Manuel and Griffith, who returned to their home countles to be promptly called to account by party friends for ignoring the pledges under which they were nominated and elected. Mr. Kurtz sees his error now, and will probably try to get the ten coalitionists back to this city as

get the ten coalitions of sack to an explain a quickly as possible.

Alarmist reports have been sent out within the last day or two about the possibility of some collision on Monday between the Republicans who will come here to take part in the mass convention, called to protest against all efforts from within the party to defeat Mr. Hanna's election, and those who will come to witness and take part in the ceremonles of Governor Bushnell's second inauguration. There is no real ground for fearing friction of this character. The inaugural ceremony, which will be neither pretentious nor elaborate, will take place at noon in the rotunda of the Capitol, and the street display will be reduced to small proportions. The convention, on the other hand, is to be held in a big hall in a distant part of the portions. The convention, on the other hind, is to be held in a bik hall in a distant part of the city, and is not likely to provoke any breaches of the public peace. Extra policemen have been sworn in, and the municipal authorities are preparing in other ways to meet any disorder. Party feeling over the Senatorial contest, however, has not reached that point or intensity which would encourage or tolerate violent public demonstrations of any sort. hall in a distant part of the

HANNA MEN ANXIOUS TO BET. BIG WAGERS OFFERED FIND NO TAKERS-BPEAKER MASON CALLS ON HANNA.

(By Associated Press.) Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 8.—A list of offers to bet has been posted at the Neil House to-day, the amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 even money on the election of Hanna, and other private wagers were offered, but none were taken. There was 18,000 de-posited at the Nell House office for even bets on Hanna, and it remains there.

Reports of indignation meetings in many countles to-day and to-night are pouring into the Hanna headquarters. These meetings are adopting resolu-

THE GREAT ENGLISH MEZZO-SOPRANO SAYS
"I have tried all the leading planes and find none
so well adapted to accompanying the voice, because
of their full and rich tone, as the Kreil planes.
Tours truly, EILY COGHLAN."—Advt.

publican dissenters in the Legislature and demanding that Kurtz resign from the National Commit-

At some of the meetings resolutions have been adopted insisting that H. C. Mason resign as Speaker, and that all other Republicans elected to legislative offices by the bolters combining with the Democratic members give up their places or get out of the Republican party. Speaker Mason called on Senator Hanna to-day and spent two hours in conference. This call was followed by all sorts of rumors, but it is not believed any agreement was reached between them.

There is still trouble with some of the Democratic members who do not want to vote for any It is believed that the Democratic members will hold a toint caucus on Monday night to try to enforce the unit rule in

Monday night to try to enforce the unit rule in the vote for Senator. Unless this is done it seems certain that no one, unless it be Hanna, can be elected on the first ballot. It was announced weeks ago that there would be a conference here this afternoon of representative Democrats from all parts of the State on a proposed plan for a reorganization of the party. There were over one hundred present, but the conference adjourned without definite action because of a conest over a resolution as to who are entitled to vote it primaries.

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The anti-Hanna men made repeated efforts last
night to get Senator Foraker to come here, but he
left Cincinnati last night for Washington without
stopping at Columbus. All efforts to get either
Foraker or John R. McLean here have failed.

Mrs. Griffith, wife of the representative from
Union County, went home this afternoon to Joh
her husband at Marysvile. She has been working
against Hanna. Mr. Griffith announced at a meetling of his constituents last night, and again today, that he did not want to vote for Hanna, but
if it was their wish he would do so.

The anti-Hanna managers are making charges of
bribery.

### MONDAY'S MASS-MEETING.

JUDGE NASH ANNOUNCES THE LIST OF SPEAK-

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 8.-George K. Nash, chairman of the Republican State Executive Commithad promised to speak at the mass convention on Monday: Congressman S. A. Northway, of Ashlabula; D. W. Ayers, of Marysville; Bishop B. W. Arnett, of Xenia; Congressman W. S. Kerr, of Mansfield; James J. Hooker, of Cincinnati; Cor.; gressman C. H. Grosvenor, of Athens; ex-Congressman D. K. Watson, of Columbus; Congressm W. Tayler, of Columbiana County; Emmet Tompkins, of Columbus; Colonel R. M. Nevin, of Day-ton; General E. S. Myer, of Cleveland; J. H. Southard, of Toledo; Colonel W. R. Warnock, of Urbana; General J. W. Keifer, of Springfield; Congressman T. E. Burton, of Cleveland, and Colone!

oper, of Mount Vernon. Judge Nash will call the meeting to order, and will deliver a short speech setting forth the rea-sons for asking the Republicans of Ohio to meet sons for asking the Republicans of Ohio to meet in mass convention and express themselves as to the issues involved in the Senatorial contest. He will then introduce Congressman Walter L. Weaver, of Springfield, as chairman. The speeches will be limited to five minutes, and it is expected that the convention will appoint a committee on resolutions. The advices received by Jude Nash to-night from all parts of the State indicate that the Republicans are coming here in force. Every railroad has given special rates and extended the tickets for three days.

The inauguration of Governor Bushnell will occur at noon on Monday, and the mass-meeting is announced for 2.30 p. m. As the inaugural exercises will not be over when the mass-meeting begins, there is intense feeling among the friends of Governor Bushnell and Mr. Kurtz. The State Committee explain that many who will be here on Monday expect to depart on the evening trains, and that no later hour could be fixed for the meeting.

## TAKEN FROM JAIL AND HANGED.

A SUSPECTED MURDERER LYNCHED AT COLFAX. WASH.-ANOTHER SHOT IN HIS CELL.

Colfax, Wash., Jan. 8.-Marshal Chadwick, the suspected murderer of young Hayden, near Farmngton, on the night of October 22, was taken from jail by a mob this morning and hanged to the west wall of the courthouse. Yesterday there was a suspicion that a mob was collecting, but the officers made no preparation to resist it. E. B. Treff, the lailer, who was the only officer about the court suse, was awakened about 2 o'clock and informed that an officer wanted a prisoner locked up. He dressed and came out and was confronted by masked men with drawn revolvers. Treff was informed that the B "Black Eye") Chadwick and "Dakota Slim" Me-Dorald and ordered him to give up the jail keys. The officer was taken to the Sheriff's office, got he keys and gave them to his captors

Twelve of the mob then entered the jail, taking Treff with them. At first the mob went into the woman's wing, where "Dakota Silm" was confined. Slim" protested innocence and said: "Take Black Eye,' who admits his guilt, and if he implicates me I will go." The mob thought this a fair propoition and went into the east wing of the jall, where "Black Eye's" cell was unlocked. He had ly time to say "Don't hurt me. Before God I am only time to say "Don't hurt me. Before God Am' innocent," when one of the mob struck him a heavy blow over the head with an iron bar, stunning him. A rope was then fastened around his neck and he was dragged out of the Jail and up the narrow stairs, to the Superlor Court room, to a double window, where the rope was tied around a standard between the windows. "Black Eye's" hody was then pitched out healforemost and left hody was then pitched out healforemost and left dargling at the end of a rope against the court-house wall in plain view of the people in Main-st.

While this was being done a part of the mob returned to "Dakota Silm's" cell. During their absence the prisoner had stuffed the keyhole of the cell door with rags and fastened a sharp knife on the end of a broomstick. With this spear he kept striking through the barrest door of his cell, thus preventing any one from approaching the door to pick the rags out of the keyhole. His cell had two doors, the inner one being of solid steel, and belief this he protected himself. Finelly one of the mol, catching a glimpse of "Silm's" shoulder, fired a shot at him. The builter passed through the sleeve, struck the wall and rebourded, striking him on the breast. He fell to the floor exclaiming, "My God, they have killed me."

Another shot was fired at him. Finally the mob decided that "Silm" was dead and left the jail. His wounds, however, are not serious. ocent," when one of the mob struck him a heavy

# MORE OF THE COUNTERFEITS FOUND.

MANY SPURIOUS ONE-HUNDRED-DOLLAR SILVER CERTIFICATES THOUGHT TO BE IN

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—Two more counterfeit one-hundred-dollar silver certificates turned up here to-day, one at the Sub-Treasury and the other at the Fourth Street National Bank. At the latter institution the note was received from a bank in the interior of the State, which forwarded it for inspection. The fact that the note came from an interior town leads Sub-Treasurer Bigelow to fear that more of the spurious notes are in circulation than has been heretofore supposed, as the belief has been general that merely a few of them had worker, had been shipped in an icebox from the

Chief Hazen of the Secret Service Bureau to devote all his time and energies to the capture of the maker of the plate and the piste itself from which the new one-handred-do-lar counterfeit silver certificates were printed. In the mean time, Mayor Brackett, chief of the Appointment Division of the Treasury Department, will act as chief of the Secret Service. It is understood that the promptness with which the counterfeit plate and its maker are discovered will have an important bearing on the question of Mr. Hazen's retention in his office.

SPURIOUS TEN-DOLLAR GOLD PIECES FOUND Washington, Jan. 8.—Three counterfeit ten-dollar gold pieces were received to-day by Major Brackett eting chief of the Secret Service. They are said to be of excellent workmanship, and in general apto be of excellent workmanship, and in general ap-pearance are far above the average spurious coins. In weight, however, they are eighty-one grains short. United States Commissioner Barksdale, of Danville, Va., who brought the coins to the Treas-ury, said that a arge number of them were in circulation in and near Danville, and, although the police had captured the tools and kit used in their manufacture, neither the maker nor the per-son who passed them has been arrested.

OHIO MINERS WANT HIGHER WAGES. Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 8.—The Ohio miners' convention to-day decided to ask for an advance of 16 cents a ton when the contract for next year is made.

CATARRH POSITIVELY CURED.
Dr. Brinkhaus sure cure Catarrh Apparatus recommended by leading physicians. Price 33.00.
220 Broadway, 17th floor.—Advt.

### CONGRESSMEN AROUSED.

SCANDAL PROPOSED.

GREAT INTEREST EXCITED BY THE TRIBUNE'S

REVELATIONS-DIFFICULTY IN INDUCING

Washington, Jan. 8.—The Tribune's disclosures regarding the faulty and dishonest work of the centractors on Drydock No. 3 at the New-York Navy Yard have arrested the attention of a good many Congressmen and excited a lively investigation by a committee of Congress may be necessary in order to get at all the facts and fix the blame where it properly belongs. Among those who offered this suggestion was a member of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, who remarked that "A naval court of inquiry, like a

military court, is too apt to whitewash the ac-

cused if he be an officer in the service." On all sides the friends and supporters of the existing naval policy express deep regret that the facts justify The Tribune's exposures. They fear not only that bad and dishonest work may be found elsewhere which has been done under the supervision of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, but that great and unlooked-for difficulty will be experienced in inducing Congress to vote needful appropriations for the enlargement of some of the Government drydocks now in existence and the building of two or more new ones big enough safely to take in and accommodate the largest ships of the new Navy

One Congressman said to-day: "It's a very bad mess. The officers of the Navy Department seem to have had bad luck with all the drydocks. Two of them have been placed where the depth of water is not sufficient to allow the big ships a safe passage to them; there is something the matter with the one on Puget Sound, I have heard, and we are asked, year after year, for money to stop leaks and correct faults of construction in those at the New-York Navy Yard. It is especially unfortunate to find at this time such a condition of affairs as that which exists in regard to Drydock No. 3. Anything which impairs the confidence of Congress in the ability, vigilance and efficiency, to say nothing of the integrity, of the officers who are charged with the duty and responsibility of building ships or guns or drydocks will be a serious obstacle when the effort is made to obtain necessary appropria-

### DEATH OF SHEPPARD HOMANS.

HE EXPIRED SUDDENLY NEAR HIS HOME, IN WEST FIFTY-NINTH-ST.

Sheppard Homans, the well-known actuary, died suddenly last night on a park bench at Sixth-ave, and Fifty-ninth-st. He was a passenger on a Belt Line car that passed the Park at 6:30 o'clock. They were greeted by the Reat 6:30 p. m. The conductor of the car noticed Mr. Homans's filness and he called Park Police- lowing men: man Cooney to his aid. Cooney assisted the sick man from the car and placed him on the bench and then hastily called an ambulance.

Dr. McNider, of Roosevelt Hospital, responded to the summons, but death had already come. The body was taken to the Arsenal and searched by Sergeant Howard. He found a card of membership in the Englewood Field Club of

the same time gave additional light on the lily, being assisted oftentimes by the soprand identity of the dead man. Allan McCulloh, a voices in the gallery. The women, while spectalawyer, with offices at No. 120 Broadway, lives | tors, were by no means neglected, and there in No. 281 West Seventy-first-st. His son was an almost constant procession of the diners Arthur was the only person at home when in- from the floor to quiry was made there. He said he knew Mr. informal reception was in progress. Homans, and believed from the description that

Mr. Homans lived in a handsome apartmenthouse at No. 48 West Flfty-ninth-st., and it was within fifty feet of his home that he died. ter it had been seen late in the evening by one of Mr. Homans's sons.

Mr. Homans was born in Baltimore, and was about sixty-six years old. His father was a magazine editor. After working for a time in St. Louis he entered Harvard College and paid his hand, and all the speakers, highly eulohis way through. Later he engaged in railroad | gistic as they were, only voiced the sentiments building, and then became an expert mathema- | of the guests who loudly applauded their words, tician. He was actuary of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and for many years was President of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, at No. 29 Broadway, but lately retired. His brother, Edward C. Homans was in the banking business.

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At the age of twenty-eight Mr. Homans married Miss Salile L. Heuston, who survives him, together with three daughters. Mrs. Samuel Parsons, of Cohoes, and the Misses Sarah and Helen H. Homans, and two sons, one of whom is Sheppard Homans, ir., who was graduated from Prirecton in 1892, and, while in college, made a reputation as an athlete as full-back on the University football team.

Mr. Homans's summer home was in Englewood, where he had considerable property. It was said last night that Mr. Homans had net been ill lately, and was not known to be afflicted with any heart trouble. He had been away from home all day, and the family were waiting dinner for him when they eventually learned of his sudden demise.

Mr. Homans was a member of the Century. Union League, Lawyers, New-York Yacht and Englewood clubs.

## SUPPOSED CORPSE PERHAPS ALIVE.

FRIENDS DECLARE THAT HOMIAK WAS PACKED

Shamokin, Penn., Jan. 8.—Intense excitement pre-valis at Excelsior, a small mining hamlet near here, over the assertion of Postmaster Glowa and has been general that merely a few of them had obtained circulation in the larger cities. The note received to-day at the Sub-Treasury came from one of the city banks, which sent it for inspection, with the information that a customer of the bank, which informed of its doubtful character, had said that the note had been drawn from one of the leading local savings fund institutions. Both notes have been forwarded to Washington, Las S. Instructions have been sent to Washington, Jan. 8.—Instructions have been sent to utes after the box had been opened. Homiak's friends believe it was a case of suspended animation, and energies to the capture of the maker of the plate tiself from which the new of the plate tiself from which the new of the plate and the plate tiself. the body had the effect of restoring respiration.

The hospital authorities, however, declare that Homlak was surely dead when placed in the leebox for shipment.

# READY FOR HER LONG VOYAGE.

THE REVENUE CUTTER HUGH M'CULLOCH WILL SAIL FOR BAN FRANCISCO THIS MORNING.

Baltimore, Jan. 8.—The blue peter files at the foremasthead of the trim and warlike-looking United States revenue cutter Hugh McCulloch as she tugs at her anchor off Fort McHenry, and tomorrow morning she will start on her long voyage morrow morning she will start on her long voyage of twenty-three thousand miles by the eastward passage to the Pacific. She will stop at Norfolk for coal, and will then pass out Cape Henry to the Atlantic. Her first stop will be at Funchal, Madeira; thence to Gibraliar, Malia, Port Said, delra; thence to Gibraliar, Malia, Port Said, through the Suez Canal to Aden, the Red Sea and through the Ocean; thence to Colombo, Singapore, Yokohama and Honolulu, to San Francisco, which yokohama and Honolulu, to San Francisco, which port she is expected to reach about the middle of part she is expected to reach about the middle of May. The McCulloch is the finest revenue cutter in the service of the United States, and is intended for Jory in Behring Sea.

NEW SERVICE TO AUGUSTA AND AIKEN, Via Pennsylvania and Southern Railway—the S. W. Limited, 420 p. m. daily, and Florida Limited 12:00 noon after Jan. 17 (daily except Sunday). Dining-cars and perfect sleeping-car service. New-York office, No. 271 Broadway.—Advt.

### PRAISES SUNG. STRONG'S

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE DRYDOCK DINNER OF THE OHIO SOCIETY IN HIS HONOR.

> A SPLENDID DEMONSTRATION AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA - GENERAL HENRY L BURNETT PRESIDES - THE EX-MAYOR, BISHOP

> > POTTER, EX-ATTORNEY-GENERAL HARMON, JAMES H. HOYT, S. S. PACKARD AND GENERAL WAGER

SWAYNE SPEAK. The twelfth annual dinner of the Ohlo Society of New-York, held last evening at the Walderf-Astoria, was made the occasion of the expression of the esteem in which the society holds its fellow-member and former prestdent. Colonel William L. Strong, so lately the Mayor of New-York. The dinner was held in the beautiful Astor Gallery, one of the showrooms of the big hotel, and was attended by about two hundred members of the Ohio Society and a number of their guests. The numerous small tables at which the guests sat were luxuriantly decorated with roses and green things of various sorts, most of which eventually found their way into the galleries where sat many of the wives and sisters of the Ohioans, to view

General Henry L. Burnett, president of the society, sat in the centre of the guests' table, and at his right sat Colonel Strong, the guest of henor. At his left sat Bishop Potter. at the table were ex-Attorney-General Judson Harmon; James H. Hoyt, of Cleveland; ex-Senator Calvin S. Brice, John W. Vrooman, E. M. Harmon, Charles W. Mackey, Edward S. Wilson, William Lyall, General Wager Swayne and

Chancellor MacCracken. Among those present in the gallery were Mrs. W. L. Strong, Mrs. Henry L. Burnett, Mrs. Homer Lee, Mrs. S. S. Packard, Miss Packard, Mrs. A. D. Shattuck, Miss Aborn, Mrs. E. S. Wallace, Mrs. T. H. Wheeler, Mrs. Bealle, Mrs. Andrew J. C. Foyé, Mrs. Southard, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Freeman Ward, Mrs. Penfield and Mrs.

THE MENU CARDS ARTISTIC.

The menu cards were singularly artistic and appropriate. Upon the face of the document was the buckeye in fac-simile, and beneath it

were the lines:

Inside the leaves was an excellent portrait of

Colonel Strong done in half-tone. The menu card was so appropriate that the supply was not equal to the demand.

The members of the society and their guests began to find their way to the Astor Gallery ception Committee, which consisted of the fol-

WILLIAM FORD UPSON, Chairman, GEORGE P. TANGEMAN.
EDWARD S WALLACE,
H. WALITAAN.
QUINTON CORWINE,
W. H. CALDWELL.
H. R. DE MILT.
EDGAR A. FOLLETT.
EDSAR A. WILLON.

An informal reception was held in the spacious ante-chamber, and soon after 7 o'clock the Englewood, N. J., bearing the name of Mr. guests sat down to dinner. From that time on Homans. There was also a card bearing the address of George S. Coe, jr., of No. 281 West | joility and good feeling ran high. The band in Seventy-first-st., to whose house Mr. Homans | the gallery varied its "all the popular tunes of was believed to have been going when taken iii. the day," with an occasional old-fashioned or This address proved to be erroneous, but at patriotic song, in which the guests joined heart-

# IN THEIR THOROUGH FASHION.

fashion, and, having determined to show their appreciation of the manner in which their fel-After some delay the body was taken there, af- low-member, Colonel Strong, guarded the tremendous trust imposed upon him by the citizens of the city of New-York, they did it in their

characteristically thorough fashion, Colonel Strong was besteged during the course of the dinner by friends, who wished to grasp

expressed the esteem in which the society held its guests in graceful and clever after-dinner

REMARKS OF GENERAL BURNETT. order at 9:30 o'clock, and in opening the afterlinner exercises spoke as follows:

Ginner exercises spoke as follows:

To our guests we give greeting and welcome, and in doing so we will not forget the ladies. We welcome you to this our twelfth annual banquet, and permit me to say to the society that the last year has been mest prosperous and has brought us a greater increase of members than any other year of our existence, (Applause.) We are strong and loyal to each other, prosperous in all mortal respects, and look forward to the prospect of a happy and loving future. (Applause.) We found our quarters on Pitth-ave, too small for our numbers, and so, as you see, we have had this building erected for us, (Laughter.) We have had our rooms reasonably and artistically decorated and furnished. (Laughter.) These are now our headquarters, where we will receive and welcome our others who come here and who are not so fortunate as to be born in Onio will have to pay the price. (Laughter.)

Others who come here and who are not so jointed nate as to be born in Onio will have to pay the price. (Laughter.)

Our friend, the manager, and our steward, Mr. Boldt, takes charge of these quarters for us, and Boldt, takes charge of these quarters for us, and so far we are reasonably well satisfied with his so far we are reasonably well satisfied with his so far we are reasonably well satisfied with his so far we are reasonable with Boldt intended to management. (Laughter.) Mr. Boldt intended to be born in Onio. He came from Relgium or Gerhenborn in Onio. He came from Relgium or Gerhenborn in Onio. He has spread, as you see, did not reach Onio. He has spread, as you see, throughout the various rooms plants which he calls buckeyes. They are not buckeyes, they are paims; but, gentiemen, when you assemble here again, these rooms now called paim rooms will be filled with buckeye trees, and then you will feel quite at home.

Now my friends, let us commence seriously our exercises at this our twelfth annual banquet, by exercises at this our twelfth annual banquet, by exercises at this our twelfth annual banquet, by exercises at the our comrade and companion in this sending to our comrade and companion in this order. William McKinley (cheers), our sympathies order. William McKinley (cheers), our sympathies order. William McKinley teheers), our sympathies of that most effectionate and purest relation that the human soul is ever subjected to, the severance of that most effectionate and purest relation that exists on earth, the love between mother and son. To him we send our love and sympathy. And now, triends, on your feet to the honor of the President friends, on your feet to the honor of the President of the United States and to the flag of our country.

FLORIDA AND THE SOUTH.

Winter excursion tickets now on sale to Florida and other Southern resorts, vin ATLANTIC COAST LINE and PLANT SYSTEM, route of the celebrated "NEW YORK AND FLORIDA" stream of the celebrated "NEW YORK AND FLORIDA" servation cars. Information and plan of train, apply New-York offices, No. 271 and 353 Broadway.—Adv.

### SIX OF THE CREW KILLED.

THE BOILER OF AN OHIO RIVER TOW-BOAT EXPLODES-SEVERAL MEN

BADLY INJURED. Pittsburg, Jan. 8.-The boiler of the towboat Percy Kelsey, owned by W. H. Brown's Son, of this city, exploded on the Ohio River, near Glenthe crew were killed and seven or eight others injured. The list of dead and injured, so far as the

KILLED. BECHTOLD, Lee, fireman. WEBSTER, Lee, fireman. FLYNN, Thomas, second WOODS, Milton, pilot. LALLY, Joseph, second mate.

Another fireman is missing and believed to be

ALEXANDER, William: HANNA Harry, deck hand-will die.

CLOSE, Hugh; will die.

JONES Leele captain:

die. will die.

CLOSE, Hugh; will die.

JONES, Leeite, captain;
condition serious.

WALKER, David; condition serious.

WOODS, Percy F., apprentice pilot; will probably
die.
WANDELL, Adolph, steward; condition serious.

The Kelsey left Pittsburg about 8 o'clock this morning for Cheinnati, with a tow consisting of seven barges and two flats of coal. She reached Glendale at II o'clock, and a few minutes later the explosion occurred. The boat was literally blown to pieces and the tow was scattered and lost. Captain Jones and three others were picked up alive, but badly lajured. One body floated ashore near Newlite Island.

the boat was commanded by Captain Leslie es, of Shousetown, Penn., and the crew was le up of two pilots, two engineers, two mates, firemen, a chambermaid, a coek and several knands. The cause of the explosion is not wn. The boat was valued at \$5,000.

### BUSINESS BOOMING IN SKAGUAY.

SALOONS AND GAMBLING-HOUSES CROWD-ED-A PUBLIC SCHOOL OPENED.

Skaguny, Alaska, Jan. 2, via Seattle, Wash., Jan S. Scarcely a day passes that does not witness several cases of lot-jumping in Skaguay. Building operations are being pushed night and day. Some of the buildings are to be used as hotels and lodging-houses, but more are dance halls, variety theatres and saloons. Each incoming steamer brings

hundreds of people. Besides the City of Scattle, which arrived to-day. the Elder came in from Portland with three hun-dred passengers. It is almost impossible for peotions. The restaurants, saloons and gamblinghouses are througed daw and night, while general susiness is good. Tents are being put up wherever an available site can be found, generally in the

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W. B. Sampson, the first postmaster of Skaguay, took charge of his office yesterday. The first public school will open to-morrow in the new church building.

The first marriage to take place here was celebrated Saturday night, the groom being Patrick Boynes and the bride Miss Jennie Mack.

Captain Wood, in command of the detachment of the Northwest Mounted Police in the district which extends from the White Plass Sammit to Lake Tarkin, warns all persons en route to the Klondike that they will not be permitted to pass Tagish House unless each person has at least six hundred pounds of provisions.

MILD WEATHER IN ALASKA. Juneau, Alaska, Jan. 3, vla Scattle, Jan. 8.-Twen-

men have arrived here from Dawson. of them have been in the interior of Alaska for They unhesitatingly state that there is no danger of starvation and no necessity for a Government relief expedition. They say that Thirty Mile River, between Lake Lebarge and the Hootalingua, is open, and they were compelled to take to the side hills. Most of those who arrived

take to the side hills. Most of those who arrived to-night intend going hack as soon as possible with supplies for the coming year. The trail is reported to be in very fair condition. For two weeks the weather has been very mild. "Ed" Lard, the man who was recently arrested at Dawson for stealing \$22.99 worth of gold dist from a saloon in which he was barkeeper, has been released. It is stated that the reason of Lard's discharge was that the police had no food for pris-

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE TO ALASKA.

San Francisco, Jan. 8.-An important conference H. Mohler, president and general manager of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, was in council with the Southern Pacific people with refer-Company will soon put in operation. Three steam-ers are to run from Portland to Alaskan points. The co-operation of the railrend is sought. Neither side will give the details of the conference.

# REPORTS OF RETURNING MINERS.

one of the men was arrived here from Kiondike on the steamer City of Seattle, says: "My party counted twenty-five boats and their passengers tied up on Lake Lebarge, and twice as many on Lake

the mounted police, who make room in their camps for men to sleep, feed them and sell necessary pro-

of the guests who loudly applauded their words,
General Burnett set the keynote of the dinner
when he said, in calling the guests to order:
"We come here to-night to say to our comrade
and companion who has served for three years
as Mayor of New-York: You have done well,
you have faithfully discharged your duties and
you have laid aside the robes of office upon
which there is neither spot nor soft."

Secretary Sherman, Senator Allison and
Abram S. Hewitt were at first expected to be
present, but were unavoidably detained. The
speakers who were present, however, including
Bishop Potter, James H. Hoyt, ex-AttorneyGeneral Harmon, General Burnett and others,
expressed the esteem in which the society held
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pounds of protection the river.

Naroleon Durpros and a party of six Frenchmen are reported to have brought upward of \$40,000 in are reported to have also have a draft for \$100,000, the proceeds of a sale of some mining property.

# JOHN HANCOCK'S LETTER BOOK.

QUAINT AND INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE DISCLOSED IN BOSTON.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 8 (Special).—An interesting discovery has just been made here in the unearthing of the long-lost letter book of John Hancock, It was at about the time of the return of John Hancock from England that the first letter appeared telling of the co-partnership of urcle and

nephew, as follows:

Gent's—I am to acquaint you that I have at last Got my affairs into such Schuation, as that I have this Day Taken my Nephew Mr. John Hancock into Partnership with me, having had long experience of his Uprigntness, & great Abilities for perfence of his Uprigntness, & great Abilities for perfence of his Uprigntness, & great Abilities for perfence as that I can heartly Recommend him its Your friendship & Correspondence, which wish may be long and happy.

John Hancock became a partner of the firm at a

John Hancock became a partner of the firm at a time when his uncle was ill, and the young man was burdened with great responsibilities. Thomas Hancock was a sufferer from gout, the same disease that later on made life a burden to his

case that later on made life a burden to his nephew. A letter of November 9, 1763, says;

Disorders & the Gout that I am not able to Give that Attention to Your affairs, which they absolutely Require. Mrs. Hancock joins me in our Respectfull Complimits to Your Ladyship, and I am Madaine, Your Most Obest. Hamble Servi.

Our J H Asks the favir that Mr. Harrison will please to get made & sent him I neat Bag wig and I neat Bob wig. Fashionable & of a light colour, the size of Mr Barnards will nearly suit the Tie wig Mr. Birch made which J H Brought with him fitted very well. The cost of them Mr. Harrison will charge in his little accept with J H.

A letter of November E. 1761, to the London A letter of November 25, 1503, to the agents rends;

wists on earth, the love between mother and son, to him we send our love and sympathy. And now, to him we send our love and sympathy. And now, the friends, on your feet to the honor of the President of the United States and to the flag of our country.

The health of President McKinley was drunk. The health of President McKinley was drunk. The health of President McKinley was drunk. The family suss this Winter, we Judg d you would have been a little attentive to send it of the very by the company standing and in perfect silence. General Burnett then proceeded:
Before passing from the question of our society
I desire to say that our example here has been followed by sister societies in Chicago, St. Louis
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H & familys use this Winter, we Judg'd you would have been a little attentive to send it of the very best, had the expense been twice as much; instead of that you have sent a common Colehester Baise of a bad colour & so immoderately Coarse Hais

### NEWS OF TWO CAPITALS.

THE NEW SICK MAN AND THE JEALOUS

PHYSICIANS.

TRIUMPH OF THE GERMAN EMPEROR'S NAVAL

NILE CAMPAIGN-SPAIN'S FINAN-CIAL EXHAUSTION-MISMAN-

AGED MAIL SERVICE.

London, Jan. 8.-The German Emperor has led the chorus of rejoicing in the Fatherland over the publication of the agreement for the acquisition of Klao-Chau Bay. There is no religious refrain, for the main motives are commercial and imperial; nothing is said about the few missionaries whose wrongs excited more plous horwoes of a hundred thousand Christians in Armenia. The missionaries were "good enough Morgans until after election." The exultant Emperor, whose eleverness has been persistently underrated in England, has obtained the sovereignty over one of the best harbors in Northern China, which can be strongly fortified and converted into a naval base. He has increased German prestige in the far East, and commands loyal support at home for his new naval and commercial policy. The mercantile classes in Hamburg have already taken fire, and are talking of establishing a second steamship line in competition with British and French lines.

Industrial Germany is behind the Emperor, and

forecasts a great expansion of trade as the di-

rect consequence of his statesmanlike course in befriending China when Japan was victorious. England awaits with increasing impatience sign from Lord Salisbury, but he is more silent and more inscrutable than ever. There are no symptoms of feverishness in the Foreign Office; the Cabinet is not summoned, and the Ministers are shooting on the moors and finding recreatwo British ships had anchored off Port Arthur was a welcome indication of vigilance, and similar tidings from Klao-Chau will be halled with delight. The truth is clearly discerned that concessions from China for trading purposes and coaling stations must be regarded as valid, but the English press, speaking for the nation, de lares that ports opened to one Power must be free to all, and that there can be nothing like a commercial monopoly. This assurance is awaited with undisguised anxlety; it interests alike England, America and Japan, which have the largest share of the Chinese trade.

This drama of the far East, like a Chinese play, is enacted in the dark. One flash of limelight has revealed Germany in possession of a point of approach to Peking; another burst of filumination has disclosed Russia in occupation of Port Arthur; the next glimpse will probably explain what France has gained in China by her secret alliance with Russia; sooner or later Lord Salisbury will come out of his dark closet, It is already clear that it will be a puppet-play on the lines of the Turkish drama; there will be no partition of China, but another European concert of inaction for enabling the sick man to live and borrow money freely from all his

physicians The darkest underplot of this Chinese drama is the ulterior policy of Japan. That enterprising Power is building a great navy and is in such haste that she has purchased two powerful cruisers from Chill, now lying in English dockyards. The most intricate motive of the play will be Japan's relations to the new concert, with its evangels, coalitions, rivalries and

Lord Charles Beresford, who is crying "Ship aboy!" and dancing hornpipes at York, suits the breezy figure, like the gallant William in "Black-eyed Susan." He tells the constituency which he is wooling with passionate ardor, yet with discretion, that the English people owns two-thirds of the commerce and one-fifth of the Seattle, Wash., Jan. S.-T. B. Corey, of Scattle, surface and one-fourth of the population of the whole world, and that Britain must defend her possessions. A canvasser with such talent for making statistics pictorial deserves to enter

Parliament, and he will probably win the seat. The Liberals ought, however, to make amends for the loss of York by carrying the Southeast Durham constituency affected by the disastrous engineers' strike. Lord Londonderry, whose indignation was excited by the Employers' Liability bill, no longer sulks in his tent, but has opened the Unionist canvass by explaining that what he said was true, although he did not intend to hurt the Unionist party. This was not an auspicious opening. Mr. John Burns has warned the working classes of York that they ought not to support a Liberal canditers of the engineering trade in their warfare upon Trades Unionism. Organized labor is sullen after its crushing defeat in the recent struggle, and has an opportunity of punishing the Liberal candidate for York and immediately revolting against the Unionists in Dur-

England is compelled to show that she is mistress of the deserts, as well as of the seas. The advance on Khartoum has not been resumed, but an emergency has suddenly called fensive purposes, and the Egyptian Army, stiffened with British battalions, is now moving a thousand miles up the Nile, while the garrison of Lower Egypt is replaced from Malta and other stations. The military arrangements are admirably ordered, but the dangers and difficuities of the Empire in the Soudanese desert are apparent. The Dervishes have only to find their Stonewall Jackson in order to repeat the Shenandoah Valley raids against Dongola and render the main lines of communication and campaigning untenable.

Last week's rumor that Fashoda, on the Upper Nile, had been occupied by a French military and scientific expedition is not yet confirmed, but after the recent warnings from the Foreign Office a demonstration of this kind will be bitterly resented by England, which has virtually proclaimed a Monroe Doctrine of her own from the mouth of the Nile to the Cape of Good Hope, From the West Coast of Africa have come tidings of the annexation of Salaza, where the Germans have apparently been forestalled. A large section of the Gold Coast Hinterland has been brought under British control. How the great African empire, which is constantly expanding, can be maintained and defended without a large increase of the army and the adoption of conscription, the most conservative writers find it difficult to explain.

The relief measures for Cuban non-combatants, carried out with the sanction of the American and Spanish authorities, are favorably commented upon here as a work of mercy. The tone of the English press on all American questions is remarkably cordial and friendly. The real trend of Spanish affairs is better understood in Paris than in London. The financial exhaustion of Spain is becoming more apparent every month, and its borrowing resources are virtually at an end abroad. General Weyler has excited less enthusiasm since his return

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